

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I promise. I won't even look at you as I ask you this question, Senator Simon. Senator Simon, do you still honestly believe in your heart of hearts that this bill is necessitated by a backlog of cases in the district court, do you believe that still?

SENATOR SIMON: That to be the sole reason?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe that, period, that this bill is necessitated by a backlog in the district court?

SENATOR SIMON: I don't believe the cases are being brought to the district court.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Simon, I am not asking about your belief on something I am not asking you about but what I would like you to answer is the question that I am going to pose to you again.

SENATOR SIMON: I think that answers the question, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Simon, are you going to refuse to answer me three times.

SENATOR SIMON: I answered the question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe there is a backlog in the district court and that is what caused Omaha to bring this bill?

SENATOR SIMON: I don't think that is the major cause of the bill, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. It is not any part of the cause. See how long it took me to do this, to bring him around to the knowledge of the truth and Omaha could have done it in the first place but they are used to dealing fast and loose with young Senators. They don't feel they have to give them the full story because it is not Greg Stuve who is going to be questioned like this, it is not the chief, and I did raise the question before the committee but they said there was no problem. So you can take it if you want to. I have said all that I have to say at this particular point.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, here we try to continue to get into the Omaha problems and here is another one. I have got a letter here from Richard Anderson, the Chief of Police at Omaha, and I want to point out two or three things. I don't know as Senator Chambers has brought out really what his objection is to it other than the fact it was from Omaha and from the Police Department up there so maybe he can clarify this, too, when he gets an opportunity. I will make a copy of this and send it around unless you have all received a copy from the Chief, I am not sure. He requested the passage of LB 196. Maybe you have all received one. In there, he says, LB 196 basically clarifies the area, this is exactly what we have been telling you, it allows the misdemeanor type of cases to go into municipal court for trial, the serious felony cases would continue on into the district court as felony processes. Now you